

South Cumberland State Park Activities Schedule for October 2011

The park rangers of South Cumberland and expert volunteers provide a range of guided interpretive activities, hikes, backcountry skills training and a few special programs like rappelling and canoeing. There are also numerous programs just for kids (regardless of your age) and occasional work days for trail maintenance. For more information about these programs or the ones listed below, please call the park 931-924-2980. South Cumberland State Park is on Central time.

Saturday October 1 2:00 p.m. Snakes of TN

Join the ranger at the Stone Door Ranger Station. We will be learning about native snakes, both venomous and non-venomous. Get to see and touch a live non-venomous snake and learn to identify venomous snakes in the area.

Sunday October 2 2:00p.m. Butterflies

Join the ranger at the Stone Door Ranger Station. We will be learning about native butterflies, identification, metamorphosis, and making butterfly crafts.

Saturday, October 8 8:00 a.m. Morning Meadow Wildflower Hike

Come see the Meadow Trails last Hoorah as the wildflower season winds down for the year. Meet Ranger Jason at the Visitors Center for this easy 1.5 mile stroll.

Saturday October 8 2:00 p.m. Sycamore Falls Hike

Meet Ranger Brent at the Grundy Forest parking lot for a moderate 2-mile round trip on the Day Loop trail. Come out for an afternoon of Fall weather and colors. Bring your camera, water, and a snack.

Saturday October 8 2:00 p.m. Tree ID Booklets

Join the ranger at the Stone Door Ranger Station. We will be making tree ID books to use when looking at trees in the park or in your back yard.

Sunday October 9 2:00 p.m. Bats

Join the ranger at the Stone Door Ranger Station. We will be learning about native bats, their habitats, and making bat crafts.

Sunday October 9 3:00 p.m. Slideshow

Meet Ranger George for an informative slideshow on the Savage Gulf/Stone Door Area. Meet at the Savage Gulf/Ranger Station.

Saturday, October 15 2:00 p.m. Saddlehorn Overlook

Looking for an easy afternoon stroll? Join Ranger Brent on a 2 mile trip to Saddlehorn Overlook. Meet at Foster Falls.

Saturday October 15 2:00 p.m. Pinecone Birdfeeders

Join the ranger at the Stone Door Ranger Station. We will be making feeders to take home and attract native songbirds to your backyard. Seeds and peanut butter will be used.

Sunday, October 16 9:00 a.m. Fall Day Hike

The 9-mile Raven Point loop may be a difficult trail but you will be rewarded by brilliant overlooks and exhilarating hiking. Meet Ranger Jason at the Grundy Forest parking lot with food, water, and proper clothing.

Sunday, October 16 2:00 p.m. Exotic Invasives

Join the ranger at the Stone Door Ranger Station. Help the park and learn about plants at the same time. We will be showing different tools and techniques that we use to keep our native plants safe from exotic invasive plants.

Saturday October 22 2:00 p.m. Snakes of TN

Join the ranger at the Stone Door Ranger Station. We will be learning about native snakes, both venomous and non-venomous. Get to see and touch a live non-venomous snake and learn to identify venomous snakes in the area.

Sunday October 23 2:00 p.m. Bats

Join the ranger at the Stone Door Ranger Station. We will be learning about native bats, their habitats, and making bat crafts.

Saturday October 29 2:00 p.m. Creepy Crawlies

Join the ranger at the Stone Door Ranger Station. We will be showing and discussing native creatures, such as a live snake, insects, arachnids, skulls, and skins.

Sunday October 30 11:00 a.m. Buggytop Hike

The Carter State Natural Area is known for its karst features but it also has an interesting trail that's a bit different from the rest of our trail system. Meet Ranger Jason at the parking lot for this 4.5 mile difficult hike.

Sunday October 30 2:00 p.m. Creepy Crawlies

Join the ranger at the Stone Door Ranger Station. We will be showing and discussing native creatures, such as a live snake, insects, arachnids, skulls, and skins.